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Preservation of Taj Mahal by Mud Therapy
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mud therapy is being given to marbles in Taj Mahal, Agra to remove black and yellow spots on the marble surface and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the duration for which this procedure has been used for Taj Mahal and the outcome in conservation of the monuments?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) Yes Madam. Mud pack therapy is given to marble surface of Taj Mahal in order to remove surface deposits/accretions, black and yellow spots, thereby improving aesthetic appeal of the monument.

(b) The Mud pack therapy is used at Taj Mahal for different locations since about last 10 years. The results are satisfactory as it helps in maintaining natural gloss of marble surface.